



## Christmas TREE INFORMATION

### San Isabel National Forest



**SAN CARLOS RANGER DISTRICT**  
**3028 East Main**  
**Cañon City, CO 81212**  
**(719) 269-8500**

**PERMITS:** This year the San Carlos Ranger District will be selling Christmas tree permits from November 4th to December 24<sup>th</sup>. Permits can be purchased at Forest Service offices in Cañon City and Pueblo during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For purchases in La Veta, call (719) 742-3681 or Westcliffe, call (719) 783-2079 for office hours.

**COSTS:** Permits cost \$10.00 per tree with a limit of 2 trees per family.

**CUTTING DATES/TIMES:** Cutting allowed between the dates of November 4th through December 31<sup>st</sup>. No tree cutting will be permitted after December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**TREES:** Tree species available include native White Fir, Ponderosa Pine, Engleman Spruce, Douglas-fir, Piñon Pine, and Rocky Mountain Juniper. These native trees may not be as well formed as trees found on commercial lots. Tree cutters are asked to cut stumps down to within 6 inches of the ground. **Do not cut trees larger than 6 inches in diameter at the base. "Topping" of larger trees is not permitted.**

**AREA:** Tree cutting will be permitted across the entire National Forest within the San Carlos Ranger District with the exception of designated Wilderness areas and administrative sites such as campgrounds. For alternate cutting areas and current access, call the District Office at (719) 269-8500, or outlying Work Centers; La Veta (719) 742-3681; Lake Isabel (719) 489-3370; Westcliffe (719) 783-2079.

### **The suggested tree cutting area is along State Highway 78 in the Wet Mountains.**

**DIRECTIONS:** All motorized access to the San Isabel National Forest must conform to travel regulations and all motorized access is restricted to designated system roads and trails. Refer to the San Isabel National Forest map, and the Motor Vehicle Use map available at Forest Service offices.

**From Cañon City:** Travel east on U.S. Highway 50 approximately 5 miles, turn right at the Florence exit onto State Highway 67 and stay on State Highway 67 through Florence and to Wetmore, then turn to the right onto State Highway 96 and go approximately 9 miles to McKenzie Junction, then turn left onto State Highway 165 and go approximately 14-15 miles, then turn left onto State Highway 78 and keep following the road until you see the four cutting areas that are shown on the map.

**From Pueblo:** Take State Highway 78 past Beulah to approximately 1.5 miles inside the National Forest. Keep following the road until you see the four cutting areas that are shown on the map.

**VEHICLES:** Four-wheel drive vehicles or tire chains may be required to access some areas within the National Forest.

**RECOMMENDED:** Cutters need to be prepared for winter weather. It will be necessary to walk some distance from your vehicle to find a desirable tree, so bring appropriate foot gear. Hand saws and axes will be adequate for cutting trees, though a chainsaw is permitted. A short length of rope will help in sliding your tree back to your vehicle. Pets should be kept on a leash. The permittee is responsible for knowing public land boundaries.

### **NO CUTTING OR TRESPASSING ON PRIVATE LAND!**

Persons removing trees from the National Forest without a valid permit are subject to a fine of up to \$500.00 and/or 6 months incarceration.



# CHRISTMAS TREE CUTTING GUIDELINES

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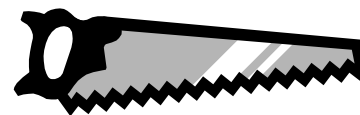
**"Topping" of trees is not permitted.**

**Do not cut trees larger than 6 inches in diameter at the base.**



**Be prepared for winter weather. It may be necessary to walk some distance from where you have parked in order to find a desirable tree, so wear appropriate foot gear.**

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**SLOW DOWN,** Watch out for kids playing.

Don't forget to bring proper equipment to tie your tree to your vehicle.

The fat end of the tree should be towards the front.

